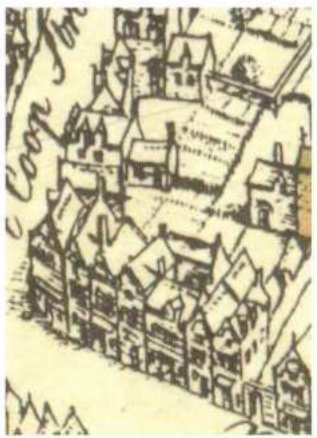
SABLON

HOTEL

A SHORT HISTORY

A short history of Hotel Sablon

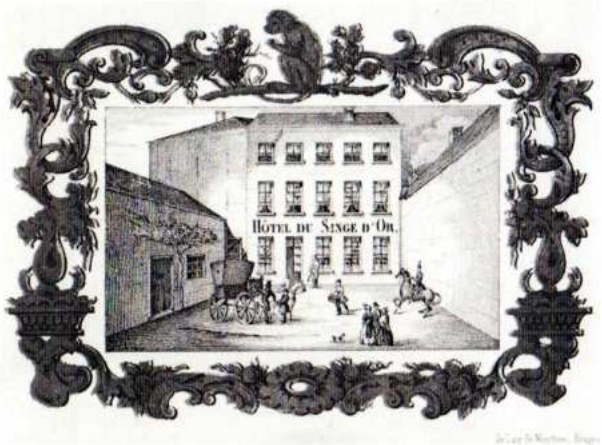
1589 is the year an inn is mentioned for the first time in the records of the City of Bruges: "on the 11th of October, Ferdinand de Mattance, Lord of Tillegem, and Marie Pardo sold a house and its dependencies, amongst them stalls and a hostelry named **tschomijnckele**".



During the next two centuries every generation sells the inn **'t Schomijnckele**.

In 1789, Pieter Decker becomes the new owner of the inn. He decides to renovate the old inn and renames it **Hotel du Singe d'Or**.

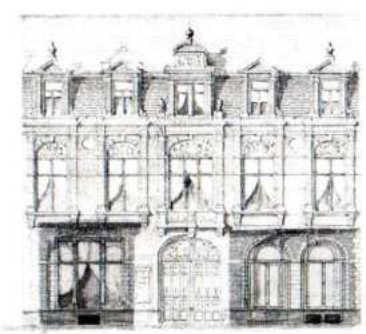
Two memorial stones commemorate the building of the new hotel, one bears his name, the other that of his wife Eugenie Bruneel. These can still be found in the cellars under the current kitchen.



In 1882 Richard Desmet, hotelier in Bruges, buys the building and adjacent lots and decides to unify them into one new hotel: **Grand Hotel du Sablon**

The facades of the old buildings facing the Noordzandstraat are demolished and are replaced with the current facade in 1886.

The facade was designed by Louis Delacenserie, official architect of the City of Bruges.



The literary circle 'Excelsior' held its meetings at the Grand Hotel du Sablon, where it invited many french writers to give lectures. The most famous of them was Paul Verlaine (1844-1896). He stayed in the hotel on the 8th and 9th of March 1893. One of our Mansion Suites has been named in his honour.

Paul Verlaine (1844-1896)

In 1927 an Art Déco skylight was added in the courtyard at the entrance. This skylight can still be admired in the shop Scotch&Soda.

On the 17th of April 2019, after a complete renovation, the new Hotel Sablon opened its doors again and welcomed its first guests.

Christophe Vanswieten, the owner and founder of the new Hotel Sablon, wanted to create a hotel that Bruges didn't have on offer yet: a modern and trendy boutique hotel, an exclusive yet welcoming place where our guests come home in a refined and homely atmosphere after a long day exploring our beautiful city.

Tracing back our history to at least 1589, we can pride ourselves on being both the oldest as well as the newest hotel in Bruges.

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